

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 1, line 12 and ending at page 2, line 2.

In recent years, with development of larger-screen image display apparatuses being underway, so-called flat panel displays that are light and thin have been receiving attention as an alternative to cathode ray tubes (hereinafter, referred to as CRTs) that are bulky and heavy. Examples of the flat panel displays whose research and development are well underway in recent years include a liquid crystal display (hereinafter, referred to as LCD) and a plasma display panel (hereinafter, referred to as PDP). There still remain problems in that the LCD exhibits a low brightness in images and a narrow view angle, ~~ant~~ and that the PDP exhibits a low contrast. Under such circumstances, there have been growing needs for the flat panel displays that exhibit a high brightness, a high contrast, and a wide view angle as in the conventional CRTs, and that can also meet demands for a larger screen and higher precision.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 2, line 3 and ending at line 16.

In view of the above, self light-emitting flat panel displays are also ~~being~~ under development, which use an electron beam to cause a phosphor to emit light in the same manner as the conventional CRTs. As one of the self light-emitting flat panel displays, the present inventor has proposed a surface-conduction electron emitter display (hereinafter, referred to as SED) in which an electron source is structured by arranging surface-conduction electron emitters (hereinafter, referred to as SCEs) that are of one type of cold cathodes, instead of conventional

hot cathodes, in a matrix shape on a glass plate (see, for example, JP 64-031332 A and JP 07-326311 A).

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 6, line 18 and ending at line 23.

Further, in the recycling method or manufacturing method described above, the recovering the electron emitter preferably includes placing within a hermetic atmosphere the electron emitter on the rear panel separated from the vacuum container and energizing the electron emitter.